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Paul White files for recount in VBT Primary Election for supervisor

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

On Tuesday, Van Buren Township Supervisor Paul White filed a petition for a recount of the votes for supervisor in the Aug. 5 Primary Election.

White, who was running for re-election, lost by 50 votes to challenger Linda Combs, according to the election tally.

On Tuesday morning he filed the petition and paid the required \$10 per precinct for 11 precincts, a total of \$110.

White has requested a count of all the ballots, including all the walk-in and absentee voters in all precincts.

White said the number of absentee voter ballots returned to the Clerk's office is greater than the number of absentee voter ballots counted.

He told the *Independent* that 1,667 AV ballots were returned to the Clerk's office. When scanned electronically, 521 did not register anything for the Supervisor position.

The total of the votes for the four candidates for supervisor, plus 12 write-in votes, totaled 3,059. Total ballots cast were reported at 4,382, with 1,667 of those absentee ballots.

Also, White states in his petition that an electronic counting system was used for the first time in VBT's Aug. 7 election, allocating absentee voter totals to each individual precinct instead of in a separate category, as in the past.

On Tuesday afternoon, VBT Clerk Leon Wright affirmed that White has filed for a recount

Clerk Wright said VBT completed its canvass last Thursday and Wayne County is still canvassing all the elections in the county and has until Aug. 21 to complete the canvass.

Barring a state recount that could delay the process, Wright said after Aug. 21 the county will schedule a recount of the VBT votes, as requested by White. The county will conduct the recount.

Sumpter Township

In Sumpter Township, Vincent Warren, who lost his bid to unseat incumbent Supervisor Johnny Vawters by 661 votes, announced he will be running a write-in campaign for the post in the Nov. 6 General Election.

Write-in candidates have until 4 p.m., Oct. 26 to file a Declaration of Intent form for the general election.

Two file for School Board, four file for District Library Board

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The deadline was 4 p.m. Tuesday to file as a candidate for two, four-year trustee positions on the Van Buren Public School Board of Education, which will be filled in the Nov. 6 General Election.

Filing by the deadline were two candidates, Kathleen Kovach, 47097 Bemis Road, Sumpter Township, and incumbent board member Toni Hunt, 43025 Willis Road, Sumpter Township.

School Board vice president Brenda McClanahan did not seek re-election.

District Library Board

Four candidates filed for three seats open on the Belleville Area District Library Board by the July 19 deadline. Candidates are incumbents Joy Cichewicz and Michael Boelter, both of Sumpter Township; incumbent John Juriga and newcomer George Chedraue, both of the City of Belleville. This race also will be on the Nov. 6 ballot.



VBT Police Captain Greg Laurain talks with Allie Moening at the Search and Discovery van on display at Saturday's Public Safety Day.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority members handed out goody bags at Saturday's Public Safety Day. From left is DDA secretary Sophie Zoller, DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland, and DDA president Jere Dolph.

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VBT Public Safety Committee hosts session on emergency sirens

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

About 30 people came to hear a presentation on emergency warning sirens at the Aug. 1 regular meeting night of the Van Buren Township Public Safety

VBT has no warning sirens, but is surrounded by communities that do: Canton to the north, Romulus to the east, Washtenaw County to the west and Sumpter Township to the south. Huron Township, to the southeast, has four and is on the way to having two more.

For years, people in VBT have been asking township officials to get sirens, to no avail. After the tornado in Dexter, VBT residents again started asking their elected representatives for emergency sirens.

Recently, after a presentation on the Code Red system, the township board turned over to the Public Safety Committee the task of looking into warning systems.

Before his departure, Fire Chief Darwin Loyer said he had been in contact with Jeff DuPilka of West Shore Services in Allendale, MI, and Loyer recommended the committee invite DuPilka in to give a public presentation.

Public Safety Committee chairwoman Diane Madigan followed through and invited DuPilka to give an informational presentation on warning sirens. DuPilka took her up on her offer.

Also in attendance at the Aug. 1 meeting was Kenneth Laird, Logistics Manager of Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Director Tim McGillavary of the county's Homeland Security, sent word that is he committed to helping VBT move forward however possible.

DuPilka, president/sales, of West Shore gave an enthusiastic presentation on emergency sirens, inviting those present to interrupt him at any time to ask questions. And, there were lots of questions.

His company has been working with sirens since 1979 and it does most of the work in the state of Michigan. His sirens are the type certified by FEMA.

He stressed that sirens are an emergency tool to be used "not instead of" but in addition to other emergency programs for a community.

"Code Red has a package you can buy for an annual fee," DuPilka said, referring to the program favored by VBT Supervisor Paul White.

"Every piece has a down side," DuPilka said, referring to the different kinds of warning systems. "But, blow a siren and you know something is happening," he said, which leads people to go to another

source to see why the siren blew.

He said the sirens went off 20 minutes before a tornado hit Joplin, MO in 2011, giving people time to decide what to do.

DuPilka said Code Red alerts came in 10 minutes after the Joplin tornado because of overloads in the communication networks.

He emphasized that you can't count on just one thing.

DuPilka said if a siren system is installed, the township must commit itself to a community education program, so that people will know what the warning sound means and whether or not there will be an all-clear sound and what that will sound like.

He said the fire department does fire prevention programs in the schools and it will need to teach the children the siren rules. DuPilka said the children will learn what the siren means and will tell the adults.

He said Homeland Security has grants for education.

He said there are four different types of sirens: those that rotate three rotations a minute (used in Michigan); 360-degree omnidirectional sirens; motor-driven sirens, used since the '50s; electronic sirens; and electronic sirens with the ability to talk over the sirens, using computer chips.

There are special problems with sirens that give messages, especially if they are rotating, he said.

Sirens are erected on 50-foot poles, wood or concrete, with 8½ feet of that underground, leaving them 45 feet tall.

The life of a system is 45 years, so it is a big investment for a community, he said.

DuPilka described the different kinds of sirens used by nearby communities. He said he just completed work on 54 solar-powered sirens for Belle Isle and along the Detroit waterfront, with 53 on concrete poles. He added that solar panels have to be big in this area and are very expensive.

VBT Downtown Development Director chairman Jere Dolph asked how many sirens Dearborn has and DuPilka said it had 19 sirens.

DuPilka said a normal township uses 12 to 16 sirens, adding it depends on where the roads are because the site needs to be off a road for accessibility. Usually, they are located on municipal land or right of way. He said attempts to site them on school property has not been successful.

He said where there is a lot of outside activities or a lot of population, that's where the sirens should be put first.

Or, he said, some communities want to put them everywhere to cover the whole

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Photo courtesy Renee Lorincz

Abigail Lorincz, 12, won first prize and \$300 in her division in the Belleville Area Council for the Art's Community Art Show held Friday and Saturday. Her winning entry, "Intertwined", was this intricate drawing done with a fine-tipped Sharpie pen on white paper. Abbey is an eighth grader at Keystone Academy and this is her first entry in any art show. Her parents are Bob and Renee Lorincz of Savage Road.

Renaud, Nyikon tie for Viewers' Choice awards at Community Art Show

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

When the votes were tallied on Saturday, it was found the visitors to Friday and Saturday's Community Art Show gave equal votes for their favorites to Angelica Renaud and Louie Nyikon, Jr., so the Viewers' Choice Award was proclaimed a

Show chairwoman Kay Atkins said they would provide a second medal for the winners

Cash awards for each age group were \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.

Winners were:

Ages 6-12:

- First Abigail Lorincz, "Intertwined"
- Second Zayne Robbins, "Sid"
- Third Allyssa Church, "Gardening Time"

Ages 13-17:

- First Senna Church, "Steampunk
- Second McKayla Wasilewski, "The Fye."
- Third Jordan Stacy, "Deer"

Ages 18+:

- First Loel Gnadt, "Waves of Wood"
- Second Allen Brooks, "Vortex"
- Third Neil Griffin, "Sturgeon Point Lighthouse"

Featured artists who did their artworks and talked with the public at the show

were McKayla Wasilewski, 14, who just graduated from Keystone Academy's eighth grade, and Zayne Robbins, 9, who also has a real talent and wants to teach arts when he gets older.

The 51 Art Show participants were: Sandy Askew, Ruth Bennett, Niyati Bhatt, Allen Brooks, Marian Caldwell. Alyssa Church, Senna Church, Amanda Corriveau, Elizabeth DeWeese, Liz Dobbs, Diane Eissinger, Paul Elden, Timothy Elden, Sandra Ellis, Zachary Estep, Dewey Faulkner, Loel Gnadt, James Green, Neil Griffin, Thelma Griffin, Adriana Lane, Adam Lawrence-Radford, Elisa Limon, Alexandria Long, Abigail Lorincz, Jack Martoia, Patricia Millender, Jean Morris, Louis Nyikon, Jr., Veronia Ortolan, Melissa Poirier, Brittany Powe, Angelica Renaud, Allissa Riley, Zayne Robbins, Shelby Sanders, Meena Schaldenbrand, Lisa Schoen, Elaine Shaw, Jordan Stacy, Carol Stypelkoski, Judy Suttle, William Szlinis, Alexis Thomas, McKayla Wasilewski, Mary Jo VanEck Weiss, Akilah Williams, Margaret Marie Wolak, Jenna Zienert, Megan Zienert, and Renee Zienert.



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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

<u>Editorial</u>

Emergency sirens at long last in VBT?

There was a public presentation recently on emergency warning sirens and later there was a meeting of various officials on how to provide some sirens for Van Buren

It seems, at last, township officials are looking at ways to make sirens a reality for the residents, who have been asking for them for many years. The DDA is considering paying for or loaning money to the township for the sirens in the DDA district.

And, there are some possible grants for which to apply. The cost for 12 sirens – enough to cover the whole township – is estimated at \$238,000. They could be phased in, with sirens placed in the most populous areas first. Along the borders of the township, VBT's neighbors have sirens that can be heard. VBT might need fewer than 12. Currently, VBT is an oasis of silence in a siren-filled area.

While Sumpter Township and other area municipalities got in on previous grant programs and got their sirens for nothing or practically nothing, VBT wasn't interested. The grant money has pretty much dried up now. In Sumpter, mobile home park owner Sheldon Futernick bought a few. That was a

There are ways to finance sirens if the people want such outdoor warning. This is a day of electronic gadgets that put the world in your pocket and weather warnings are available many ways. A blaring tone to announce danger is a nice addition to the toolbox of public safety.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

A resident of Traskos Road in Sumpter Township has found two dead blueiays, on two separate occasions. When she called the number Sumpter officials gave her, she was told they did not get the grant to test the birds for West Nile Virus this year. She was told to double-bag the birds and throw

I checked the Wayne County Health Department website and found that there were two positive West Nile Virus test results in Wayne County in July, so somebody is testing.

The West Nile Virus hotline in Wayne County is 734-727-7445. They tell all about West Nile and warn people not to touch the dead birds with their bare hands.

There's also a state of Michigan website for reporting dead birds. It starts off with www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases and then go to the West Nile Virus link.

There hasn't been enough rain this summer for mosquitoes to be a problem and mosquitoes are the ones that carry the virus - so that's good. But, lately we've had a little rain, so the mosquitoes might reemerge.

That picture of the burning Brown Funeral Home on our front page last week was credited to the Van Buren Township Fire Department, but it actually was retired Belleville Fire Fighter Bill Emerson who took the shot.

VBT Interim Fire Chief Dan Besson said he handed his camera to Bill at the scene and Bill took photos of the fire-fighting efforts.

"I'm glad I could help," Bill said.

The picture was a great depiction of the moment. It had fire fighters on the roof, flames lapping out of the roof, and water

pouring down. I saw Bill at the fire and I took some pictures, too, but mine weren't as good as his, so we used his.

It was a sad event and Bill's photo told the fire department part of the story.

Bill has been working on the history of the 100-year-old Belleville Fire Department and has spent many hours searching through the old records at City Hall and going through the microfilms of old newspapers at the library. We're looking forward to the results of all his work. The Belleville Fire Department will put on a gala celebration of its centennial during October's Harvest Fest activities.

Don't miss Saturday's ribbon-cutting and open house at the new BHS. Crews have been working diligently to clear away the debris from the demolished BHS to get the area ready for company.

At Monday's School Board meeting, board members said there will be some surprise speakers at the 10 a.m. dedication ceremony. One said if you don't want to listen to speeches, come after 10:30 a.m. The school will be open to the public until 5 p.m.

This afternoon, there's another event that is a must-attend locally: the Belleville Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville, Rubber Ducky Race, and Belleville Lake Ski Club demonstration. The bridge walk starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Taste at Horizon Park and the race and water skiing nearby

on the lake.

On Tuesday, Sumpter Township Treasurer celebrated his 80th birthday and the audience and board sang "Happy Birthday to You" and then enjoyed a birthday cake after the township board meeting.

Debbie Chamberlain pointed out, from the audience, that Tuesday also was the 77th birthday of Social Security.

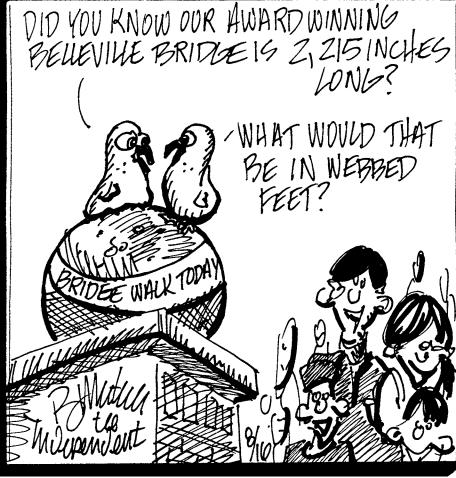
Township attorney Rob White commented, "I believe John Morgan has more money in

his account than Social Security has in its account," and members of the audience laughed, nodding their heads in agreement.

The Belleville Area District Library

Board seems no closer to selecting a site for the new library building it wants than it was a year ago. At Tuesday's meeting, a closed-door session to discuss acquisition of property was cancelled because they have no new information from the DNR, which owns the site on the lake north of the bridge that the board favors.

Meanwhile, the city has asked the library board to clarify just what it wants them to donate in the city, just in case the board decides to keep the library in downtown Belleville.



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Letters

That detail was no picnic for VBT Public Safety

To the Editor:

I recently read a letter to the editor published in the Thursday, Aug. 9, 2012 edition of the Belleville-Area Independent, captioned "\$6,000 to be taken out of Wounded Warriors Fund."

The writer, who purportedly writes for several national veterans' publications, informed the editor that his letter will be published nationwide. After reading the letter I found several glaring inaccuracies that lead me to believe the writer wrote an emotional response to his observation on the day of the event in question, and failed to properly research the facts of the matter.

The writer indicated in his letter that he was surprised at the number of police and firemen on hand; they almost equaled the crowd. He further indicated that the police had a big motor home with picnic tables and it looked like a big party for the firemen and police. The writer also indicated the State Police showed-up to eat; he was amazed at all the police brass.

On Monday, July 9, 2012 I received a voice mail from the person who was directing the security for former Governor Sara Palin. He was seeking a contact person with the Van Buren Township Police Department, a contact to help coordinate security activities for the event. Eventually he spoke with, and exchanged e-mails with Captain Laurain on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. We were working and planning security activities with very short notice. The State Police were contacted and a meeting was planned. We were originally expecting between 6,000 to 10,000 people. The estimates were speculative but police agencies plan for the worse possible scenarios and hope for the best.

On the day of the event, Saturday, July 14, 2012, in addition to Governor Palin's security

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detail (4 plain clothes civilian security guards) the Van Buren Department of Public Safety deployed eight police officers to provide crowd control and immediate response to criminal activities, if necessary. We also deployed nine fire fighters to respond to medical emergencies. and heat exhaustion incidents, if necessary. The Michigan State Police Department deployed three uniformed motorcycle troopers to assist with crowd control and traffic control, if necessary. Huron Valley Ambulance Company provided their tactical command post (large motor home) and several uniformed paramedics to immediately respond to serious injuries and/ or serious medical emergencies, if necessary.

The crowd was estimated to be slightly more that 3,000 people. However, with a national figure in attendance such as former Governor Palin it was possible the crowd could have been much, much larger. In the final analysis we had one police officer for every 272 people at the event, not quite equal to the number of people in the crowd, as reported by the writer

The big motor home belonged to Huron Valley Ambulance, and a second motor home was on hand for former Governor Palin's comfort, and was provided by the event promoters. Huron Valley's command post and the fire department's rescue apparatus were parked near fixed picnic tables on the fairground that was utilized by police officers, fire fighters, Huron Valley employees, and state trooper to

We were deployed for approximately nine hours. During the detail our security contingent remained on the fairground property. July 14th was a very hot day and several people needed assistance from our fire fighters for heat-related stress. The only police brass at the incident was me (the public safety director), and Captain Gregory Laurain. Additionally, I prepared an invoice for \$6,044.66 for police and fire services, and had it sent to the Americans for Prosperity. No bill or invoice was sent to the Wounded Warriors Fund.

I could have easily met with the author of last week's letter to the editor and shared these facts without a public discussion through the media. I would have also informed the author that the safety and security of the residents and visitors of Van Buren Township is the responsibility of the Van Buren Township Department of Public

In my experience that spans over 30 years in law enforcement large crowds present special challenges, and a potential to become out of control very quickly. Although we planned for the worse possible scenarios we had very few incidents. I would have also advised the writer that July 14th was a ninety five (95) degree day. and that detail was no picnic for public safety personnel.

Carl McClanahan **Public Safety Director** Van Buren Township

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Bayou Grill helped us meet our fund goal

To the Editor:

Back in April 2012 I decided to sign up (with coaxing from a friend) for the Susan G. Komen Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day walk! Since then, my teammate and I have been working hard at training and fundraising to prepare for the walk on Aug. 17-19.

When the end of July was nearing, we realized that we were going to come up short of the \$2,300 each minimum fundraising goal. That's where the wonderful owners of the Bayou Grill on Main St. stepped in to help. After a brief, unrelated, conversation with owners Brian & Mary, they offered to hold a "Dine to Donate" event at the Bayou in which 10% of all sales would go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation on our behalf for the 3-Day Walk.

Brian and Mary went above and beyond to help us meet our goal for the walk. The event, which was held on Aug. 7, was fantastic. Everything about the Bayou from the wait staff to the food was exceptional! Even the servers put some of their own tips into our donation jar! Everyone was a class

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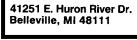
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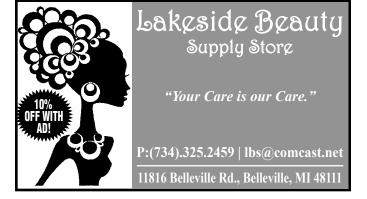
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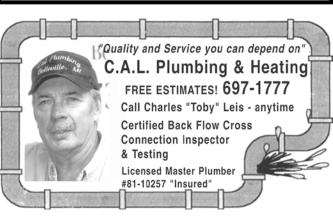
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Thomas J. Caves, Jr.

(February 23, 1921 - August 13, 2012)

Thomas James Caves, Jr., age 91, of Belleville, MI, passed away on Monday, August 13, 2012 at Oakwood Hospital-Annapolis Center, Wayne, MI, surrounded by his family. Mr. Caves was born February 23, 1921 in Pennsylvania to the late Thomas J. and Mary (Lloyd) Caves, Sr.

Mr. Caves proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He retired from Kelsey-Hayes as a Tool and Die Maker after many years of loyal service. He was a member of the Wayne Masonic Lodge and another lodge in Wilsonville, Oregon. He was also very active with the Shiners. He enjoyed wood carving, stained glass and decorating cakes. Most of all, he loved being a Grandpa.

He was married for over 73 years to the love of his life Elizabeth Jane (Myers) Caves. He is also survived by five children: Barbara Jane (Larry) Atkin of Covington, Virginia, Mary Lou (Kent) Hazelwood of Stayton, Oregon, Susan (Merv) Auchtung of Holland, MI, Timothy Caves of Belleville and Terry Jay (Kim) Caves of Plymouth, MI; 14 grandchildren; 22 greatgrandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, also two sisters Doris and Eleanor.

Visitation will be 3-8 PM Thursday and 10-11 AM Friday, August 17, 2012 with an 11 AM Funeral at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI. Pastor Mark McGilvery will officiate. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church, or to the Ann Arbor VA Hospital, and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at davidcbrownfh.com.





KENNETH EARL TOWNSEND, JR.

(March 9, 1947 - August 1, 2012)

Kenneth Earl Townsend, Jr., age 65, of Van Buren Township, died August 1, 2012.

He was an Honored Vietnam Veteran, Loving husband to June (Silk) Townsend; father to Dan Townsend and Koleen LaParry; beloved uncle,

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Dinner will be held Sunday, August 19, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. at the Harvest of Victory Church, 2925 E. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Spaghetti dinner fund raiser set Aug. 25 for burned-out family

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner fund raiser will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Belleville Moose Lodge to raise funds to help a young family who lost all of their possessions in the David C. Brown Funeral Home fire.

Shelley and Rich Willick and their family lived in a residential unit above the funeral home and lost all their personal belongings in the Aug. 5 fire.

Kathie Steigerwald is organizing the fund raiser, asking for donations of \$12 per adult ticket and \$6 for children.

The Moose Lodge, 831 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, has donated use of space for the event.

Steigerwald said she needs help to buy the food to prepare the dinner, since she wants all the proceeds to go to the family.

For more information, or to offer help, call Steigerwald at the Brown Family Center, 697-5090, or on her cell phone at 313-570-6115

Brown Funeral Home to use Katherine Rose building temporarily

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The vacant Katherine Rose flower and gift store across Clarence Street from the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville will be used as a temporary viewing facility, until the funeral home can be rebuilt.

The funeral home was partially destroyed by a fire on Aug. 5, but the business continues to operate and is moving toward major renovations, said Richard Willick, one of the Funeral Directors.

Willick said he sought and received permission from the Michigan Board of Mortuary Science and the Michigan Funeral Directors Association to use the Katherine Rose building temporarily for showings.

He said the funeral home did not lose any files or technology in the fire because when the office area was built, David C. Brown had that area fireproofed.

Willick said the funeral home will be fully up and operational next week. After the fire, one scheduled funeral was held at the Crane Funeral Home facility in Romulus and a funeral this week is having the viewing at the family's home church, which is the family's preference.

Willick said David C. Brown and family want to thank the community for the overwhelming outpouring of support following the fire.

"We are very, very blessed," Willick said on Tuesday.

Oxycontin robber uses drive-through drawer at **CVS** pharmacy in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At about 11:02 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, the pharmacist at CVS in Van Buren Township received a call from an unknown male telling her to do as he said and put all the Oxycontin she could get inside a CVS bag and put it in the drive-through drawer.

VBT Police Captain Greg Laurain reported that the pharmacist told the caller that she had complied with his orders and placed the plastic bag full of drugs in the

An unknown individual walked up and took the bag from the drawer before running away. Captain Laurain said the pharmacist could not provide a good description of the

Laurain said about 2,000 pills were stolen from CVS and there were no other leads, as



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The event is geared to prepare future paranormal investigators by giving them a chance to team up with the members of the Motor City Ghost Hunters. Participants

will learn investigating skills and how to use equipment, share evidence, plus much

The museum will be selling refreshments and will have the gift shop open. All proceeds from the event will go to the

The presentation/investigation scheduled from 4 to 9 p.m. and subject to change. The event may go outdoors and so participants are asked to be prepared accordingly. For information, call the museum at (734) 483-4030 or visit www. yankeeairmuseum.org.

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School Board renames North, South Middle Schools for their streets

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to rename North and South Middle Schools with the names of the streets on which they stand.

Belleville and Surrounding Area Families Invited to Host Exchange Students

What better way to learn about another country than to host a student from Italy, France, Sweden, Germany, Brazil or even Australia? These students are here to attend local high schools and integrate themselves into your family and community for the next 10 months.

Hannah is 15 and comes from Germany. Her Mom is a teacher and Dad is an Engineer in the Ruhr area. Hannah has a 22 yr. old sister. Hannah loves sports. She enjoys a sport called Korfball, basketball, tennis, snowboarding. She also takes guitar lessons each week. Her favorite subjects in school are P.E and English. Her teachers describe her as being motivated, reliable and open-minded.

lida is 17 and comes from Finland where she lives with her parents and 7 yr. old sister. Iida loves to swim and has been competing for 8 years. She also enjoys art and crafts and reading. Her favorite subjects in school are History, Psychology and Finnish. Iida attends Lutheran Church regularly and enjoys Church activities. Her parents describe her as being a kind and adaptable girl who they feel will make the most of this great opportunity to be an Exchange Student.

For more information on these and many other students, call Heidi at 734-788-6159 or visit www.stsfoundation.org.

STS Foundation has been promoting Student Exchange in Michigan for over 20 years.

North Middle School will be renamed McBride Middle School. With the reconfiguration of classes, McBride will hold seventh and eighth grade students.

South Middle School will be renamed Owen Intermediate School and will hold fifth and sixth grade students.

A discussion on name changes was held at a workshop on July 16.

In her presentation to the board, Human Resources Director Shonta Langford-Green said with the district building closures and restructuring completed last spring, both of these schools will serve different grades and configurations than they have previously.

"A name change for each of these buildings will complete the transition to welcome all students attending this fall and to begin new traditions of their own," Green said.

She presented the name change recommendation in the absence of School Supt. Michael Van Tassel who was out of town on a family emergency.

Green said past board policy has prohibited naming any school buildings after former employees or members of the communities. Renaming these two buildings after their street names is consistent with past practice as well as complements all the current elementary schools.

The estimated cost to change the names is \$6,000 per building, for a total of \$12,000.

This cost includes changing the permanent letters on each building to 12-inch anodized aluminum letter, cast Helvetica (\$2,000 per building) and replacing the letter signs with new changeable letter signs (\$4,000 per building).

Board president Martha Toth said they won't be changing the mascots, because that would be too expensive, and the South Middle School name in the relatively new gym floor at the new Owen Intermediate School will not be changed.

In other business, the board:

· Approved the hiring of John Bojanowski of Commerce, MI, as the new Transportation Supervisor, replacing Rhonda Lyons-Manning of Sumpter Township who resigned at the end of school year to go to work for the Huron School District. The one-year contract, starting Aug. 13, is for \$53,000, plus fringe benefits. He was selected from six candidates and recommended by Manning. He was working for the Farmington Public Schools as a transportation dispatcher and previous to that was mechanic/supervisor of transportation for the Northville Public Schools:

 Approved terminations requested by the following teachers/administrators: Jeremy Abbott of South, 11 years, for relocation; Michelle Briegel, Edgemont, 5 years, other employment; Karen DeWulf, BHS, 10 years, personal reason; Steven Hudock, South, 18 years, other employment; and Debra Twork, Tyler, 33 years, retirement;

· Approved recalling the following teachers from layoff: Kristina Brashear, South; Laurie Hoffman, South; Kristin Horchem, Savage; Erin Knotts, Savage; Laurie Kunz, Tyler; and Tamara Mida,

• Approved hiring the following teachers: Jesse Donoghue, Spanish, North; Shannon Kelley, vocal music, BHS; and Slavica Vidojevski, counselor, BHS; and

• Was reminded next Monday's 7 p.m. workshop will also be a special meeting, so votes can be taken on bond matters. The board also will discuss information on Supt. Van Tassel's plan for a two-day administrators' retreat. The next regular meeting will be 7 p.m. Aug. 27.





A community-wide yard sale is going on now through Sunday at the Swan Creek Mobile Home Community at 6988 McKean Road in Ypsilanti. It's located between Textile and Rawsonville Roads.

A Cash for Gold buying event will be held Aug. 23 at Main Street Flowers, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., 210 Main Street. The gold purchasing. selling, and trading will be conducted by Mike Colletta of Lakeside Wholesale Jewelers. Call (734) 697-7400 for information. The store will also be selling handcrafted jewelry from The **High Bead** during the event.

After 32 years in business, Butzin Lumber on Sumpter at Hull Road is closing its doors. Paula Butzin invites everyone to stop in during their liquidation sale this weekend, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Sunday. We're going to miss you, Paula!

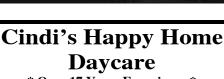
The 17th Annual Bridge Walk & Taste of Belleville is today, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Walkers are asked to gather at the Gateway sign before heading over the bridge. The traditional group photo (taken by me) will take place at the sign immediately following the walk. Once finished, the group will head over and join the

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rest of the community at Horizon Park for the Taste of Belleville, where 15 restaurants and groups will provide their delicacies. Tickets are \$1 each and food choices are anywhere from 1-6 tickets. The Belleville Rotary will conduct their Rubber Ducky Duck Race and the Belleville Lake Water Ski Club will also perform in the water off the park's shore. A raffle and 50/50 drawing will be held, too.

The following restaurants/organizations are scheduled to participate: Belleville Community Chorus, Culvers, Johnny's Grill, Carlson Catering, Benito's Pizza, Dimitri's Kitchen, Open Arms Lutheran Church, Tim Horton's, Bayou Grill, Wendy's, Zino's Pizza, Spirit's Restaurant & Lounge, Belleville Charhouse, Lunch Box, and Twisted Rooster.

The event is sponsored by the **Belleville Central Business Community, Twisted Rooster**, **City of Belleville** and the **Belleville Downtown Development Authority**. See the complete menu in today's paper.

Hidalgo's Mexican Restaurant on Sumpter Road in the Davenport Plaza will be holding a grand re-opening tomorrow, Aug. 17 at noon with a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Belleville Chamber. There will be food specials all day long too. From 5-9 p.m., the restaurant will feature live music by Javier Carmona. On Saturday, a clown will provide activities for children from 4-6 p.m.. There's free fried ice cream with every dinner purchase on both days. Call (734) 697-3271 for info.

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Emergency sirens

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When Larry Fix asked the cost, DuPilka said the ones with wooden poles are \$19,900 each, installed, and the concrete poles are \$23,000. He said concrete is more aesthetic.

John Delaney asked if a siren couldn't be put on the water tower and DuPilka said there are problems with access and with the siren being too high, sending the sound out of the township.

He said the old thinking was to put it on the fire station, since that was where the button would be pushed. But now, he said, the siren is activated by radio and they put it by the population, usually in the road right of way. There also are problems with trying to use cell towers.

DuPilka said the Federal Signal 2001-130 Siren, which is the most popular siren used in Michigan, sounds 1 mile from the center, which means it alerts those for 4 square miles, with the corners cut off.

DuPilka took a compass and drew onemile circles on a large map of VBT at places he proposed might be good for siren sites, with some overlapping to provide

Laird of Homeland Security said, "If other communities provide coverage for you, at the edges, you provide for them. We'd like to see the whole county move as a piece."

Laird said Wayne County does not recommend anything to the communities and it's up to each individual community.

He said Wayne County did a major program five to six years ago, but some did not participate.

"It's up to you to decide," Laird said. "Our stance is that we give you assistance for you to do for your residents."

DuPilka said that 50% of the work they do in the state has grant money involved.

"You have a DDA," DuPilka said, adding he's on a DDA board in his community and

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he knows they "don't just print money."

In the tri-community, DuPilka said Sumpter Township has eight sirens now and is getting two more. Belleville has one old siren, he said.

In drawing his circles for the possible siren sites, he stated, "I'll go around the airport." He will check to see if Willow Run has its own system. DuPilka said the cost of sirens also

includes \$415 per year, per site for a maintenance agreement, with the battery backup replaced at year four as part of the agreement. "We rarely make a service call on this

system," DuPilka said. "It has minimal DuPilka said his company doesn't

advertise anywhere and depends on wordof-mouth references. "You have to include the Metropark," said Supervisor White. "There's a lot of

people out there." There was some discussion about Huron Township's new sirens, with the understanding that there was one or more in a Metropark. That will be checked on.

White said if a person is inside his home with the air conditioner on, he couldn't

DuPilka stressed that sirens are supplemental to other systems. He said Romulus has a completely covered community, with 14 sirens.

Many of the sirens for nearby communities were paid for with grants, but presently there are no grants.

"If the siren committee is activated again, we could have more funds," Laird said.

DuPilka ended up with 12 circles for VBT, overlapping into Belleville, Canton. Sumpter Township, Huron Township, and Romulus.

"This clearly is a 12-siren community, unless some other community overlaps yours," DuPilka said. "If anything, I'm being conservative."

Delaney did the math and declared the whole system would cost about \$238,000.

DuPilka said the community could prioritize and put the sirens in as money becomes available.

White, who regularly speaks against sirens in favor of Code Red and NOAA weather radios, said people become desensitized because sirens are blowing all the time.

DuPilka said that is the responsibility of the people pushing the button to keep siren sounding to a minimum. He said some communities never blow their sirens for testing or anything else, only for emergencies.

"I think it's better to err on the side of caution," DuPilka said of siren sounding.

Fire Chief Dan Besson cited Michigan State University research into motivation and what people do when they hear sirens. This is to help communities, he said.

DuPilka said he serves on the fire department in his community and he knows with that, as with his work with sirens. "Someday, something I've done will save somebody's life."

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Sunday, Aug. 5:

0029 - personal injury accident, 45707 S. I-94 Service

0035 - noise complaint, 47047 Ayres Ave.

0218 - operating while intoxicated, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek

0755 - fire investigation, Van Buren Park

0847 - trespassing, 7080 Edwards Rd.

1119 – assault & battery, 13900 Country Walk Blvd.

1243 - disorderly conduct, 6687 Rogers

1303 - retail fraud, Walmart

 $1332-harassment\ call,\ 13332\ Linda\ Vista\ Ct.$

1405 - malicious destruction of property, 6087 Denton

1427 - property damage accident, Tyler/Morton Taylor 1449 - mental, 10960 Lighthouse

1737 - ATV/ORV complaint, E. Huron River Dr. /

Martinsville Rd.

1904 - agency assist, Huron River Dr./Madelon

1907 - intimidation threat, 13882 Haggerty

2130 - noise complaint, 48850 Denton Rd.

2150 - noise complaint, 147 S. Ponderosa Trl.

2214 - suicide or attempt, 48127 Hull Rd.

2352 - intimidation threat, 9059 Parkwood Dr.

Monday, Aug. 6:

0015 - sexual assault, 42 Birch Dr.

0140 - noise complaint, 9826 Jackson St.

0141 - noise complaint, Hamilton/Van Buren

0230 - disturbance, 41482 Archwood

0307 - noise complaint, 9554 Hamilton St.

0447 - assault & battery, 41450 E. Archwood Dr.

0803 - shots fired, 6024 Dellor St.

1215 - mental, 8851 Parkwood Dr.

1247 - assist fire dept., 41462 W. Archwood Dr.

1321 - ATV/ORV complaint, Ecorse/Belleville 1435 - intimidation threat, 48450 Denton

1532 - trespassing, 45501 N. I-94 Service Dr.

1723 - larceny, Kmart

1739 - harassment call, 11550 Belleville 1823 - private property accident, 43646 N. I-94 Service

1958 - disturbance, 9282 Parkwood Dr.

2033 - breaking & entering, 9202 Parkwood Dr.

2251 – assault & battery, 46040 Lake Villa Dr.

2312 - juvenile complaint, 13503 Cambridge Ct.

2319 - assault & battery, 28 Brandi

Tuesday, Aug. 7:

0025 - larceny, Walmart

0812 - ordinance violation, Sumpter/Hull

1111 - intimidation threat, 8500 Haggerty Rd.

1228 - property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275 1454 - property damage accident, Main/Liberty

1706 - property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse

1934 - mental, 48641 S. I-94 Service Dr.

1958 - disturbance, Savage Elementary

2017 - property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse

2204 - disturbance, 8848 Ironwood Dr.

2210 - disturbance, 15615 Martinsville Rd.

2218 - intimidation threat, 51286 Sylvia Dr.

2302 - malicious destruction of property, 2033 Rawsonville

2304 - robbery, 10915 Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 8:

 $0024-assault\ \&\ battery, 48711\ S.\ I-94\ Service\ Dr.$

0415 - missing person, 51207 Sylvia Dr.

- unauthorized driving away of auto, 6211

1007 - malicious destruction of property, 11569 Meadows Cir.

1157 – narcotics crime, 46425 Tyler Rd.

1249 - malicious destruction of property, 11009 Buchanan St.

1321 - trespassing, 9096 Parkwood Dr. 1322 - narcotics crime, 46194 N. I-94 Service Dr.

1431 - property damage accident, 791 Savage Rd.

1521 - assault & battery, 49011 S. I-94 Service Dr. 1700 - sexual assault, 45501 S. I-94 Service Dr.

1710 - trespassing, 23 Locust Dr.

1747 - personal injury accident, Ecorse/Belleville 1855 - assault & battery, 10930 Belleville

1953 - fight, 45525 N. I-94 Service Dr.

2008 - ATV/ORV complaint, Maude Ct./Sadie Ln.

2323 - disturbance, Walmart

2047 - operating while intoxicated, 41382 Edison Lake

0348 - disturbance, 10915 Belleville

0725 - malicious destruction of property, 41625 Arthur

1209 - malicious destruction of property, 9784 Van Buren St.

1210 - assault & battery, 51344 Assembly St.

1326 - fraud, 8455 Haggerty Rd.

1543 - harassment call, 10894 Oak Ln.

1545 - breaking & entering, 43654 N. Timberview

1615 - trespassing, 27 Ash Dr.

 $1637\ -\ malicious\ destruction\ of\ property,\ 11820$ Belleville Rd.

1709 - property damage accident, EB I-94 / Haggerty

1815 – fraud, Walmart

1852 - juvenile complaint, 6 Birch Dr.

1913 - property damage accident, 48345 Bayshore

1942 - disturbance, Walmart

2042 - disturbance, 41577 S. Bellridge Dr. 2143 – disturbance, 8899 Parkwood Dr.

Friday, Aug. 10:

0238 - assault & battery, 7202 Belle Pointe Dr.

0901 - trespassing, 46883 Hull Rd.

0934 - larceny from auto, 119 Maple Dr.

1129 - property damage accident, 45245 Jeanette 1221 - personal injury accident, Sumpter/Owen

1436 - mental, 45857 Ecorse

1447 - investigate, 9894 Belleville 1509 - larceny, Kmart

1538 - larceny, 46425 Tyler Rd.

1741 - private property accident, 41470 W. Archwood Dr.

1748 - personal injury accident, 49365 Laguna

2103 – assault & battery, 22 Brandi

2236 - suspicious person, Tyler/Haggerty

 $2317-assault\ \&\ battery, 9147\ Parkwood\ Dr.$

0140 - assault & battery, 6616 Liberty Ln.

0214 - personal injury accident, 13494 Fairview Ct.

0311 - assault & battery, 6500 Western St.

0506 - disturbance, 51286 Sylvia Dr.

0637 - property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./

0803 - malicious destruction of property, 14641 Elwell Rd.

1055 - larceny, 128 Richard Run

1058 - trespassing, 45601 S. I-94 Service Dr.

1142 - mental, 46425 Tyler Rd.

1155 - mental, 6500 Western St. 1709 - larceny, 47102 Lauren Ct.

1748 – fraud, Walmart

1926 - fraud, Meijer

2030 - fraud, Walmart

2100 - property damage accident, 14510 Hannan

2131 - intimidation threat, 40720 Alden Ave.

2144 - intimidation threat, 9961 Beck

2235 - noise complaint, 10058 Jackson Ln.

Also on this week's log are 167 traffic stops, 21 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 5:

0955 - welfare check, 54 Biggs Ave. 1309 - harassment call, 161 Church St.,

1312 - agency assist, Walmart

1402 - welfare check, 125 Carmell St.

1827 - E-911 cellular, 548 Sumpter Rd.

1826 - E-911 hangup/investigation, 35 Clarence

Monday, Aug. 6:

0234 - suspicious vehicle, Industrial Pk./Sumpter

1746 - property damage accident, Linda Vista/Hull

1953 - sexual assault, Michigan Ave./Denton

2205 - disturbance, 6600 Outer Dr.

2316 - breaking & entering, 42311 McBride

Saturday, Aug. 11:

0203 - fight, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek

0228 - assault & battery, 51286 Sylvia Dr. 0232 - property damage accident, 50120 Michigan Ave.

0242 - missing person, 40783 S. I-94 Service Dr.

0317 - disturbance, 45707 S. I-94 Service Dr.

Fairview Ct.

1803 - ATV/ORV complaint, 50011 W. Huron River Dr.

1850 - assault & battery, 47322 Hull Rd.

2014 - assault & battery, 9216 Parkwood Dr.

2205 – mental, 43115 Winding Pond Dr.

Belleville Police

1340 - intrusion alarm, 295 S. Industrial Pk. Dr.

1826 - assist fire dept., 460 E. Huron River Dr.

2032 - noise complaint, N. Edgemont/Loza Ln.

0044 - E-911 hangup/investigation, 54 Biggs Ave.

1145 - animal complaint, 316 Edison Ave.

1513 - fraud, 91 Potter Dr.

1609 - larceny, 167 Fourth St., library

1809 - property check, 371 Victorian Ct.

1924 - animal complaint, 575 Sumpter, Co-op

1924 - juvenile complaint, Victory Park

2034 - disturbance, 104 Wexford Ave.

2240 - larceny, 6 Main St.

Tuesday, Aug. 7:

0012 - agency assist, 48741 S. I-94 Service Dr.

0100 - suspicious situation, Fifth/N. Liberty St. 0509 - property check, 142 Menlo Park Dr.

0736 - intrusion alarm, 573 Main St.

0844 - intrusion alarm, 146 High St., Johnny's

1017 - trespassing, 556 N. Liberty St.

1036 - larceny, 391 E. Huron River Dr.

1154 - animal complaint, 218 South St. 1459 - bank drop, 6 Main St.

1612 - disturbance, Hayward's 1619 - animal complaint, Char House

1713 - missing person, 54 Biggs Ave. 1819 - follow up, 573 Main St.

1830 - missing person, 54 Biggs Ave. 1915 - disorderly conduct, 83 N. Edgemont Ave.

2116 - disturbance, 178 N. Liberty St.

2211 - agency assist, 15615 Martinsville $2216-E\text{-}911\ hangup/investigation,}\ 243\ Anaheim$

Wednesday, Aug. 8:

0133 - juvenile complaint, BHS

0911 - harassment call, Horizon Park

1046 - follow up, 781 Sumpter Rd. 1138 - welfare check, 54 Biggs Ave.

1240 - welfare check, 54 Biggs Ave. 1502 - misc. complaint, 181 Madelon St. 1953 - traffic hazard, Lakeview

2157 - warrant arrest, 6 Main St. Thursday, Aug. 9:

0024 - suspicious vehicle, Victory Park

0127 - suspicious person, 230 Henry St. 0159 - property check, 506 Harbour Pte. Dr.

0349 - disorderly conduct, 54 Biggs Ave. 1037 - E-911 hangup/investigation, 125 W. Columbia

1206 - tamper motor vehicle, Main St./Huron River Dr.

1238 - civil matter, 191 Clarence St. 1444 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia

Court 1821 - agency assist, Walmart

2126 - property check, South Middle School 2235 - suspicious situation, 291 Henry St. Friday, Aug. 10: 0433 - parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Anaheim

0813 - intrusion alarm, 590 E. Huron River Dr.

0820 - intrusion alarm, 590 E. Huron River Dr. 0833 - noise complaint, 68 Wabash Ave.

0857 - malicious destruction of property, 25 Menlo Park

0955 - all other traffic, Main/Huron River Dr. 1112 - civil matter, 590 E. Huron River Dr.

1211 - assist fire dept., 36 Main St. 1324 - property damage accident, High/Edison 1623 - civil matter, 191 Clarence St.

1724 - assist citizen, 6 Main St.

1712 - mental, 237 Main St.

1723 - intrusion alarm, 555 W. Columbia Ave., School administration building

Saturday, Aug. 11:

0026 - agency assist, 10864 Belleville 0206 - agency assist, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine

2234 - harassment call, 477 Victorian Ln.

0219 - agency assist, 13494 Fairview Ct. 0236 - noise complaint, 65 S. Liberty St. 0307 - suspicious vehicle, 661 Greylock St.

0917 - intrusion alarm, BHS 0945 - assist citizen, 6 Main St. 1027 - misc. complaint, 287 S. Industrial Pk. Dr.

1202 - civil matter, 6 Main St. 1607 - civil matter, 329 Oxford Ct. 1706 - follow up, 52 Carmell St.

1716 – follow up, 99 Carmell St. 2106 – suspicious person, 222 Belle Villa Blvd. Also on this week's log are 27 traffic stops

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 5:

0052 – suspicious person, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.

0148 - animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter

0207 - disorderly person, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

0218 - animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter 0226 - mental health commitment, 18000 bl. Morton

Ave. 1440 – assault, Hampshire

 $2026-juvenile\ complaint, Green meadow$

2153 - noise complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd. 2211 - fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

2321 - citizen assist, Brookview

2355 - suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Bemis

Oakville Waltz Rd.

Monday, Aug. 6: 0001 - larceny, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1105 - warrant arrest, out of township

1221 - well-being check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

1421 - larceny, Washington 1626 - fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

1810 - suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd. 0331 - parking complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

0357 - suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

0704 - harassment complaint, 17000 bl. Martinsville

0944 - 911 hangup investigation, Rustic Ln. 1141 - civil dispute, 43000 bl. Willow Rd. 1150 - suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1414 - malicious destruction of property, 6400 bl.

1445 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1524 - civil dispute, Country Club

Wednesday, Aug. 8:

1503 - harassment complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster

0834 - traffic hazard, Clark/S. Huron 1421 - larceny, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1501 - ordinance violation, 49000 bl. Collyer Ct.

1849 - alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

2212 - fire dept. assist, E. Arizona

Thursday, Aug. 9:

1122 - larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1449 - citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

2356 - suspicious incident, Texas

1153 - animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville 1155 - animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.

1633 - larceny, 44000 bl. Willis Rd. 1651 - citizen assist, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1915 - reckless driver complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn

1031 - malicious destruction of property, 28000 bl.

1134 - reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville/ Willis

2242 - suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd. $0752-breaking\ \&\ entering\ report, Carriage\ Ln.$

1819 - harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

2147 - traffic hazard, 40000 bl. Arkona Rd.

0312 - suspicious person, Sully/Lohr

1240 - citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

2038 - civil dispute, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

1142 - fire dept. assist, Arkona/Haggerty

1229 - weapons violation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1657 - breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

2054 - disorderly person, 44000 bl. Willis Rd. 2248 - suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville

1146 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2132 - civil dispute, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.

2253 - fire dept. assist, New Mexico

1904 - threats complaint, Edgewood 2036 - citizen assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0820 - threats complaint, Knollwood

2321 - alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0945 - mental health commitment, Utah

1601 - fire dept. assist, Birch

1820 - suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 11:

1118 - alarm, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

2127 - fireworks complaint, 22000 bl. Fenster

Also on this week's log are 7 follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 169 patrol checks, and 47 traffic

1616 - citrizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1725 - mental health commitment, Pecan

1510 - noise complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd. 1658 - reckless driver complaint, Judd/Dale

1610 - citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Friday, Aug. 10: 0121 - alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1228 - abandoned vehicle, Carleton West/Willow

1827 – suspicious incident, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.

2051 - suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

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- Thursday, August 16 "The 4th Michigan Infantry" presented by Martin Bertera and Kim Crawford, 6-8 p.m. at the museum, free to historical society members, \$3 to others.
- Friday, August 17 Van Buren Township Summer Concert Series: Stolen Moments (jazz performance), 7 p.m., Van Buren Park, South I-94 Service Drive, \$4 per car fee at gate
- Friday, August 17 Friends Family Friday Drive-In Movie, FREE, 8:32 p.m. 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis Road, Ypsilanti. This week's movie is "Race to the Finish" (2012) 45 minutes, true youth story. Also, "Escape" (2012) 87 minutes, thriller. Information 734-482-5074.
- **Saturday, August 18** Attend the ribboncutting of the new Belleville High School at 10

- a.m. and then explore the new school building until 5 p.m.
- Saturday, August 18 Free meal, free groceries, free hair cuts, health fair, etc. in the Harvest Bible Church's "Hope 4 Western Wayne County." Starts at 10 a.m. at the church, 6420 Newburgh Rd., Westland. Information: 734-895-3280
- Monday, August 20 Have a cup of coffee and conversation from 8 to 9 a.m. with State Rep. Dian Slavens at the Belleville Charhouse, 524 Main St., Belleville. Or, meet with her later, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Daydream Café, 47192 Michigan Ave., in Canton.
- Monday, August 20 You can start dropping off donations for the annual St. Anthony Church rummage sale at the door of the gymnasium.
- Monday, August 20 You can learn how to make a Dream Catcher at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. It's a free event, but you need to register in advance at the library.
- Monday, August 20 Cruisin' on the Bayou car show on Main Street in Belleville, 6-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 21 Tuesday's Cruzin the Belleville Moose, 6-9 p.m., music, food, drinks every Tuesday, 831 E. Huron River Dr.
- Tuesday, August 21 All-you-can-eat buffet dinner, 5-8 p.m., Romulus VFW, 39270 Huron River Dr., to raise fund to buy Civil War military records from the National Archives to have a record of the Tri-community men who served. "Bring Our Boys Home" kickoff is at 4:30 p.m.



Brent Paiva and Katy Wenzel

Katy Wenzel engaged to marry Brent Paiva in May ceremony

Katy L. Wenzel and Brent A. Paiva, both of St. Louis, MO, are engaged and planning a May 11, 2013 wedding in St. Louis.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Richard A. Wenzel and the late Patricia A. Wenzel of Belleville.

The bridegroom is the son of Mike and Peggy Paiva of Novi.

Katy graduated in 2003 from Belleville High School and went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in Interdisciplinary Health Services and Holistic Health from Western Michigan University. She earned her bachelor of science degree in Nursing from Saint Louis University.

Brent graduated from Northville High School in 2003 and earned his bachelor of science degree in Industrial Design and Art from Western Michigan University. He is employed as a designer at "G" Lighting in St. Louis, MO.

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